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HOUSE BILL 476

46TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2003

INTRODUCED BY

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FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

**MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR NURSING
EDUCATION AND SPECIAL PROJECTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO.**

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. APPROPRIATION. --

**A. Four million eight hundred eighteen thousand one
hundred dollars (\$4,818,100) is appropriated from the general
fund to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico
for expenditure in fiscal year 2004 in the following amounts
for the following purposes:**

**(1) four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars
(\$475,000) to expand enrollment in the college of nursing;**

**(2) six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000)
for geographic expansion of the college of nursing through
distance education, web-based enrollment and partnerships with**

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1 other post-secondary educational institutions offering
2 associate degrees in nursing;

3 (3) one million five hundred thousand dollars
4 (\$1,500,000) to the school of medicine specialty education to
5 hire faculty specialists to expand the school's ability to
6 teach medical students, provide clinical services and do
7 research in the areas of diabetes and gastrointestinal and
8 liver diseases;

9 (4) five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000)
10 to provide for a base adjustment at Carrie Tingley hospital to
11 compensate for continued revenue shortfalls under medicaid
12 managed care and to maintain a high level of quality services
13 for the vulnerable population served;

14 (5) seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000)
15 to partially reimburse the university of New Mexico hospital
16 for the cost of providing uncompensated care to indigent
17 patients who reside outside of Bernalillo county;

18 (6) three hundred seventy-two thousand seven
19 hundred dollars (\$372,700) to the school of medicine pediatric
20 pulmonary program to provide for a pulmonary nurse, nurse
21 practitioner, specialty nurse and graduate fellow to help
22 operate the center;

23 (7) three hundred twenty-six thousand dollars
24 (\$326,000) to the school of medicine pediatric oncology program
25 to hire an additional clinical oncologist, a clinical

1 pharmacist, a nurse practitioner and a specialty nurse to allow
2 more children access to clinical trials services, and to
3 enhance the university's bid to become a national cancer
4 institute-designated cancer center; and

5 (8) three hundred forty-four thousand four
6 hundred dollars (\$344,400) to the office of the medical
7 investigator to hire an additional pathologist, a physician
8 epidemiologist and a forensic anthropologist, and to address
9 rising case loads, staff shortages and increased documentation
10 requirements.

11 B. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining
12 at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general
13 fund.